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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

RUSSELL LEE GARNER,

Petitioner,

vs.

STATE OF NEVADA, *et al.*,

Respondents.

Case No. 2:15-cv-00516-JAD-PAL

ORDER

13 Pursuant to this court's order, petitioner has now paid the filing fee for his petition for a writ
14 of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254 (*see* Doc. 4). The court has reviewed the petition
15 pursuant to Habeas Rule 4, and the petition shall be docketed and served.

16 A petition for federal habeas corpus should include all claims for relief of which petitioner is
17 aware. If petitioner fails to include such a claim in his petition, he may be forever barred from
18 seeking federal habeas relief upon that claim. *See* 28 U.S.C. §2254(b) (successive petitions). If
19 petitioner is aware of any claim not included in his petition, he should notify the court of that as
20 soon as possible, perhaps by means of a motion to amend his petition to add the claim.

21 Also before the court is petitioner's motion for the appointment of counsel (Doc. 2). There
22 is no constitutional right to appointed counsel for a federal habeas corpus proceeding. *Pennsylvania*
23 *v. Finley*, 481 U.S. 551, 555 (1987); *Bonin v. Vasquez*, 999 F.2d 425, 428 (9th Cir. 1993). The
24 decision to appoint counsel is generally discretionary. *Chaney v. Lewis*, 801 F.2d 1191, 1196 (9th
25 Cir. 1986), cert. denied, 481 U.S. 1023 (1987); *Bashor v. Risley*, 730 F.2d 1228, 1234 (9th Cir.),
26 cert. denied, 469 U.S. 838 (1984). Counsel must be appointed if the complexities of the case are
27 such that denial of counsel would amount to a denial of due process and where the petitioner is a
28 person of such limited education as to be incapable of fairly presenting his claims. *See Chaney*, 801

1 F.2d at 1196; *see also Hawkins v. Bennett*, 423 F.2d 948 (8th Cir. 1970). The petition on file in this
2 action appears to present the issues that petitioner wishes to raise in a sufficiently clear manner, and
3 the legal issues do not appear to be particularly complex; therefore, counsel is not justified.
4 Petitioner's motion (Doc. 2) is denied.

5 IT THEREFORE IS ORDERED that the Clerk shall **FILE** and **ELECTRONICALLY**
6 **SERVE** the petition (Doc. 1-1) on the respondents.

7 IT FURTHER IS ORDERED that **respondents must file a response to the petition**,
8 including potentially by motion to dismiss, within **90 days** of service of the petition; any requests
9 for relief by petitioner by motion are otherwise subject to the normal briefing schedule under the
10 local rules. **Any response filed must comply with the remaining provisions below, which are**
11 **entered pursuant to Habeas Rule 4.**

12 IT FURTHER IS ORDERED that any procedural defenses raised by respondents in this case
13 shall be raised together in a single consolidated motion to dismiss. In other words, the court does
14 not wish to address any procedural defenses raised herein either in *seriatum* fashion in multiple
15 successive motions to dismiss or embedded in the answer. Procedural defenses omitted from such
16 motion to dismiss will be subject to potential waiver. Respondents may not file a response in this
17 case that consolidates their procedural defenses, if any, with their response on the merits, except
18 pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254(b)(2) as to any unexhausted claims clearly lacking merit. If
19 respondents do seek dismissal of unexhausted claims under § 2254(b)(2): (a) they must do so within
20 the single motion to dismiss **not** in the answer; and (b) they must specifically direct their argument
21 to the standard for dismissal under § 2254(b)(2) set forth in *Cassett v. Stewart*, 406 F.3d 614,
22 623-24 (9th Cir. 2005). In short, no procedural defenses, including exhaustion, may be included
23 with the merits in an answer. All procedural defenses, including exhaustion, instead must be raised
24 by motion to dismiss.

25 IT FURTHER IS ORDERED that, in any answer filed on the merits, respondents must
26 specifically cite to and address the applicable state court written decision and state court record
27 materials, if any, regarding each claim within the response as to that claim.
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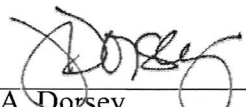
1 IT FURTHER IS ORDERED that **petitioner will have 30 days from service of the**
2 **answer, motion to dismiss, or other response to file a reply or opposition**, with any other
3 requests for relief by respondents by motion otherwise being subject to the normal briefing schedule
4 under the local rules.

5 IT FURTHER IS ORDERED that any additional state court record exhibits filed herein by
6 either petitioner or respondents must be filed with a separate index of exhibits identifying the
7 exhibits by number. The CM/ECF attachments that are filed further must be identified by the
8 number or numbers of the exhibits in the attachment.

9 IT FURTHER IS ORDERED that **the parties SHALL SEND courtesy copies** of all
10 exhibits to the **Reno** Division of this court. While the Local Rules provide that parties should send
11 paper courtesy copies of filings over 50 pages, in this instance, courtesy copies may be in paper
12 form or as PDF documents saved to a CD—so long as each PDF is clearly identified by exhibit
13 number. Courtesy copies must be mailed to the Clerk of Court, 400 S. Virginia St., Reno, NV,
14 89501, and directed to the attention of “Staff Attorney” on the outside of the mailing address label.
15 Additionally, in the future, all parties must provide courtesy copies of any additional exhibits
16 submitted to the court in this case, in the manner described above.

17 IT FURTHER IS ORDERED that petitioner’s motion for appointment of counsel (**Doc. 2**) is
18 **DENIED.**

19 Dated this 1st day of June, 2015.

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22 Jennifer A. Dorsey
23 United States District Judge
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